THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTTY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) This Department had received some complaints of alleged overcharging of the bulk drugs, the details of which are given in the statement. (*See* below). As and when any complaint of alleged overcharging of bulk drugs is received, the same is forwarded to the concerned act State Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra had filed compliants in Court of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also intiated action against 3 units on account of overcharging of prices.

*Statement*

| S. No. | Name of the Bulk Drug |
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| 1. | Vitamin-C Plain |
| 2. | Vitamin-C Coated |
| 3. | Sodiun Ascorbate |
| 4. | Prednisolone |
| 5. | Rifampicin |
| 6. | Erythromycin Sterate |
| 7. | Ampicillin Trihydrate |
| 8. | Trimethoprim |
| 9. | Metronidazole |
| 10. | Metronidazole Benzoate |
| 11. | Pyrazinamide |
| 12. | Di Ethyl Catbanazine Citrate |
| 13. | Ethambutol Hcl. |
| 14. | Cloxacillin Sodium (Oral Grade) |
| 15. | Chloroquine Phosphate |
| 16. | Sulphamethozaxole |
| 17. | Tetracycline Hcl. |
| 18. | Analgin |
| 19. | Amoxycillin Trihydrate |
| 20. | Cephalexin. |

**Non-implementation of Decontrol of molasses by states**

1292. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have refused to implement decontrol of molasses and have reimposed controls of the free movement and sale of molasses ;

(b) what are the reasons for the Centre not enlisting the assurances of the concerned States before promulgating the molasses decontrol order, when Molasses and Alcohol are a State subjects ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has set up a ministerial committee to resolve the crisis and if so, the recommendation of such committee ; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the prevailing crisis in molasses has adversely affected the cattle feed industry which may further affect the milk production during lean (summer) months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Molasses as by-product of suger, and alcohol are included in Schedule I of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 and thus their production, distribution and pricins are within the power of the Central Government. The Molasses Control Order, 1961 under which the prices and distribution of molasses were regulated has been rescinded. However, the States have been asked to check undue diversion of molasses for potable alcohol which they are doing under the State Acts/ Rules.

(c) and (d) The various issues arising out of decontrol of molasses and alcohol were raised in a Conference of Excise Ministers of the States and UTs on 4-11-94. The Conference set up a Group of State Excise Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Karnataka Chief Minister to look into the matter and suggest measures to harmonise the rules and procedures in the States to bring them in tune with the decontrol of molosses and alcohol.

**Sources of Alcohol Ethanol**

1293. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bangalore based company has developed a commercial process for manufacture of alcohol from block jowar, as reported in the Economic Times, dated the 12th February, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government would further pursue the possibility of producing ethanol from non-molasses sources, as the availability of molasses has worsened in the wake of molasses decontrol order ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a similar commercial production trial has been successfully conducted to produce ethanol from tapioca starch and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) According to the News Item of Economic Times dated the 12th Feb., 1994, one company has claimed to have developed process for manufacture of alcohol from black jowar. The availability of molasses has not worsened due to policy of decontrol of molasses. So far as the manufacture of ethanol/alcohol is concerned, it can be manufactured without any licence under the I(D&R) Act if it is for other than potable use.

A constituent laboratory of the CSIR has developed a process for production of ethanol from tapioca starch. The process has been licensed to eight parties but none of them has gone into regular commercial production.

**Research and development activities of drug Industry**

1294. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the MINISTER of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to assist the Drug Industry in stepping up research and development activities ;

(b) if so, the financial and infrastructural assistance to be provided to the Industry in undetaking research on basic drugs ; and

(c) how far it will help the Indian Companies to carry on a proper research and in the introduction of product patents following the finalisation of the Dunkal text ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The subject matter of providing more incentives to Drug Industry to invest in Research and Development is part of the review of Drug Policy, 1986 and decisions thereon are in the final stages of consideration.

**डाय-अमोनियम फास्फेट (डी एस पी)**

3295. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अमरीका से डी०ए०पी० की कुल कितनी मात्रा का आयात किया गया है और यह प्रतिवर्ष किए जाने वाले कुल आयात का कितना प्रतिशत है,

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान देश में डी० ए०पी० की कुल कितनी मात्रा उपयोग में आयी और इसकी कमी के क्या कारण हैं,

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि चालू कीमतों पर स्वदेशी उत्पादकों को भारी घाटा होता है,

(घ) क्या सरकार ने नाइट्रोजन तथा पोटाशियम पर आधारित उर्वरकों से मृदा को होने वाले नुकसान का अनुमान लगा लिया है, और

(ङ) क्या सरकार स्वदेशी डी०ए०पी० को कम दाम पर उपलब्ध करवाने के उपायों पर विचार कर रही है ?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फलेरो) : (क) वर्ष 1990-91, 1991-92 और 1992-93 में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका से डी०ए०पी० का आयात क्रमशः 14.69, 15.96 तथा 10.60 लाख टन रहा है। पूछे गये वर्षों के दौरान यू०एस० ए० से आयात डी० ए०पी० के कुल आयातों का क्रमशः 68.17, 76.89 तथा 68.08 प्रतिशत रहा है।

(ख) वर्ष 1990-91, 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान देश में डी०ए०पी० की बिक्री क्रमशः 42.17, 45.18 और 39.05 लाख टन रही है। उक्त अवधि के दौरान देश में डी०ए०पी० की संपूर्ण रूप से कोई कमी नहीं रही है।